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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/619,159 Confirmation No: 6786
Applicant : Rolf Brück et al.
Filed : July 14, 2003
Title : Method for Operating a Reformer Installation for Providing Hydrogen-Enriched Gas, and Reformer Installation
Art Unit : 1754
Examiner : Wayne A. Langel

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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

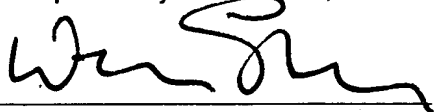
Responsive to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group II, claims 24-36, for prosecution at this time. Applicants also request the examination of the linking claim 23.

Applicants request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 23-26 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



For Applicants

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